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MEMORANDUM FOR: Division and Branch Chiefs, GRA
SUBJECT: Preparation of Mapping Intelligence Requirements

1. By direction, the Map Library Division has developed an intensive program aimed at fulfilling intelligence needs in the field of Sino-Soviet Bloc mapping. The program coordinates the interests and facilities of the intelligence community, and applies available assets to what is now a common effort. It is anticipated that the program will operate over a number of years.
2. In the implementation of the program, the Map Library Division must prepare a wide variety of requirements and collection guides that heretofore have originated solely in the Geography Division. Because of the continued interest and responsibilities of other GRA divisions in foreign mapping, there has developed a situation in which conflictory guidance may be given to collectors. The following policy is therefore promulgated, to be followed henceforth in the preparation of requirements or collection guides related to the field of mapping intelligence:*

a. Sino-Soviet Bloc

(1) All requirements and guides relating to Sino-Soviet Bloc mapping intelligence will be issued by D/GL. This includes self-initiated formulations as well as responses to standard requests by St/I or similar authority.

(2) Contributions to such requirements and guides will be made by D/GG and D/GC upon D/GL request.

(3) D/GL issuances will be coordinated with D/GG (and D/GC as appropriate) in every case.

(4) Coordination will be effected with outside components -- such as PIC, OSI, and ERA -- as appropriate to the individual case.

*Mapping intelligence is considered to be that intelligence which concerns the maps themselves; map-making tools, standards, and techniques; mapping programs; topographic aerial and ground surveys in support of mapping; map publishers; and mapping personalities. The substantive content of maps is considered to be geographic intelligence.

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b. Non Sino-Soviet Bloc

(1) Self-initiated requirements and guides relating to non Sino-Soviet Bloc mapping intelligence will be prepared and issued by either D/GL or D/GG, according to the following fields of responsibility:

(a) Activity by the U.S. Government or commercial concerns in foreign mapping and aerial survey -- D/GL.

(b) All other mapping activity -- D/GG.

HOWEVER: (i) Coordination with the other interested division(s) will be effected in each case; and

(ii) Requirements related to Geographic Attaché procurement will continue to be issued by D/GL.

(2) All responses to requests by St/I or similar authority for standard requirements or guides on non Sino-Soviet Bloc areas will be issued by D/GL.

HOWEVER: Preparation of such responses will normally be the responsibility of D/GG. Exceptions will be determined by the two divisions in conference.

3. Responsibility for preparing requirements and collection guides relating to geographic intelligence (as defined in footnote on page 1) will continue to rest with D/GG and D/GC. It is anticipated that some requirements or guides will, in fact, cover both geographic and mapping intelligence. In such cases, the requirements will be prepared jointly by D/GG (or D/GC) and D/GL, and issued by D/GL.

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